

## **The Rules:**

### **SFDA Year-end Awards:**

While we are just in our second year of formalizing our Year-end Award program, please be patient while we figure it out. Our intention is honor and recognize our members' sportsmanship and achievements. We hope to offer a Champion and Reserve Champion award for each level or division in which 3 or more members participate. If there are less than 3, we may combine levels to make an award. Members qualified in third through tenth place will also be awarded a ribbon.

**Our awards program accepts scores from rates, schooling and online horse shows if they comply with the following conditions:**

### **Criteria for Score Submission:**

1. The show must be open to all SFDA members
2. The judge holds a current USEF dressage judge license, OR a western dressage judge license, OR is a USDF "L" program graduate.
3. Both the competitor and the horse owner must be an SFDA member PRIOR to earning scores that are submitted for year-end awards.
4. Scores must be submitted by the competitor seeking the award unless they are competing at an SFDA horse show, as the management will submit the scores for the competitor.

**Scores Eligibility:** All scores submitted must be earned between December 1st and November 30th of the current show year.

**Number of Scores:** Members need to submit their scores from at least 2 horse shows. However, our SFDA horse shows count twice, so a member can fulfill this requirement by showing with us just once.

**Award submissions:** Scores must be submitted by the competitor seeking the award.

**Process for submission:** Members simply need to clearly photograph their test page showing the competition, date, their name, the horse, level, score, judge and judge's signature and send it to Caitlin Flynn at [CaitlinF.SFDA@gmail.com](mailto:CaitlinF.SFDA@gmail.com).

**Awards Deadline:** Members need to declare their participation and their level in the program by November 1 so that we can order the appropriate ribbons for our awards party in December. Members can submit scores for the year until November 30 as the placings may jockey around a bit, but at least we'll have the right ribbons on hand when we need them without having to rush the order.

**Average Scores:** A minimum of 2 scores at the same level on the same horse from 2 horse shows (unless the were recorded at an SFDA show) need to be submitted for nomination for the year-end awards. The average of the member's 2 highest scores for that combination will be considered for their year-end nomination. Members may compete and submit scores for other horse and rider combinations or at other levels.

**Awards Presentation:** Awards will be presented at the annual SFDA Awards Party.

**Volunteer Hours:** Members need to give 4 hours of their time to SFDA in order to support other members. However, members can buy out of their hours for a \$25 ribbon fee.